



BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 18th January 2021 Teams Call-in.

Chair: David Wallace; **Vice Chair:** Alex McIntyre **Treasurer:** Ewan Phipps
Secretary: John Fletcher **Planning Reporter:** Graham Middleton
Communications Coordinator: Carolyne Wood

Members Present: D Wallace, C Wood, J Fletcher, H Foxen, A McIntyre, G Middleton, J Nicol, D McKendrick.

Formartine Area Councillors Present: Cllr A Hassan Cllr J Gifford Cllr P Johnston

Apologies: E Phipps Cllr K Adams

Visitors: Scott Strachan (Greenfield sites), Bill Kinaird & Stuart Morrison (Rannieshill Quarry), Neil Burr (Gourdie Burn Issue)

1. Introduction of all Office Bearers, Members and Attendees

All attendees introduced themselves, all were welcomed and asked everyone that all matters be addressed through Carolyne Wood as she will be controlling the meeting. All mics to be muted if not in use, use the hands button on the menu bar if you wish to speak.

2. Approval of Sabbatical for Mark Brown

This agenda item is to satisfy the Constitutional Requirement, all BCC members have agreed on this.

3. Chairman Opening Remarks

The Chair informed the BCC that S Nicol has had to resign from the BCC due to work commitments, the Chair thanked him for his time at BCC, then advised that we could offer him a 6 months sabbatical from BCC, the same situation as with M Brown.

ACTION: J Nicol will ask S Nicol if this is acceptable to him

4. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest to Agenda Items

Conflict of interests reported as previous with Cllr Gifford, when discussing Raineshill Quarry he will take no part.

5. Police Matters & Report

New Ward Report circulated

Email from Samantha Rawlins about how stats will be reported in future

The statistical return has been removed on the instruction of the Area Commander, as these will be provided by him bi-annually at Area Committee. This ensures the recording statistics are accurate and from a single source. The Area Committee statistics will be sent to each Community Council twice a year in line with the frequency of those meetings. The details sent on a monthly basis are often inaccurate, as a number of these crimes are malicious or wrongly recorded and currently COVID-19 has seen some recording areas plummet and will give an unrealistic review of criminality across the region.

The CC report will provide anecdotal evidence and focus on what we are experiencing at an operational level, but the statistical returns will now fall under the Area Commander reporting measures."

ACTION: BCC feedback to Police - monitor traffic on Eigie Road - speeding and results from the exercise and B9777 in Potterton speeding and report back.

At present it does not look like the Police are monitoring the traffic on Eigie Road, Police cars have been seen in the villages, but do not seem to be monitoring the situations. It was suggested a formal letter should be sent to Police and ask them to monitor Eigie road and report back to the BCC

ACTION: C Wood will talk to Samantha Rawlins (AC) and Andy Scott (Police) with BCC views.

ACTION: C Wood to Check for February Ward Report

ACTION: BCC to post on FB and website the dog fouling issue and who to report it to www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/environment/animal-health/dogfouling

Impact of Covid, Rise in suicides over the last few months across the region, support details listed.

ACTION Completed: BCC FB to posted about support available

Security Advice Be aware of doorstep crime and scams

ACTION Completed: BCC FB to posted about fraudsters/ scams on the doorstep

ACTION Completed: ON notice boards, put up the list of Police phone numbers.

ACTION Completed: C Wood posted 101 advice again and to be added to Notice Boards

ACTION Completed: BCC members to give Feedback on the Police reports.

ACTION Completed: C Wood downloaded and distributed the January Police Report to all BCC members.

6. Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were modified slightly. They were then proposed for approval by A McIntyre and seconded by D McKendrick.

7. Matters arising from previous meetings

- Request to support local power Bill, on hold
- Environmental (scrap yard Potterton fires)

ACTION: All please report direct to SEPA and let BCC know if you see anything at the site There still seems to be numerous reports of burning off different materials,

ACTION: Awaiting for SEPA to visit the site and if they have for a report

ACTION: E Phipps to recommence fundraising strategy for 2021 with Alan Still and Bill Murray (Developer Obligations, Vattenfall, AFCCT) Action carried over as E Phipps not in attendance

- The road to the Balmedie Country Park passing the sewage plant requires tarmac, it is not in a good state, it has had some remedial work to fill some of the holes. There is also a report of effluent from the sewage tanks blowing onto the path in high winds.

ACTION Completed: Cllr Hassan has checked to see who owns the land, and mail sent to all BCC members, awaiting update from Scottish Water.

An online questions and answers will been set up for Scottish Water, questions have to proposed by Wed 20th Jan 2021

ACTION: C Wood to send questions on behalf of BCC

- Sabbatical from BCC for Mark Brown

ACTION Completed: Item on the Agenda for January BCC Meeting

ACTION: Awaiting E Phipps response for 3rd December enquiry about how SSE resilience funding is being spent asked D Wallace and E Phipps to discuss response and reply UPDATE:

E Phipps responding to SSE,

8. Covid Related Community Support Projects, Actions & Responses

- Food banks information

ACTION Completed: publicised on FB, Noticeboards, website, and also info for Instant Neighbour

ACTION: Ask BCC group to suggest local information we should be sharing, we have library click and collect, also P McKeown volunteers.

ACTION: Any update from S Nicol or E Phipps on their actions for referrals for help

ACTION: C Wood/S Nicol etc to review leaflet or notice by Potterton Group, possibly put these on other notice boards as well as Potterton.

- Monitoring report overdue to Foundation Scotland.

ACTION: E Phipps to complete asap

- Discussion held with Rosie Nicol and Paul McKeown 3rd Nov regarding alternate uses of funding (The grant letters do not specify whether funds are specifically for individuals or can be used for communal purpose),

ACTION: E Phipps to follow up

9. Treasurers Report (E Phipps)

Treasurer not in attendance, no report available

10. Planning Report

- Nothing Material, 1 application extension of garage to made into a gym, 1 retrospective planning permission to change the use of a builder's yard, declined

- Quarry Meeting attendees from BCC: C Wood, D Wallace, G Middleton, S Nicol, J Nicol, A McIntyre.
After discussion it was agreed that BCC will wait until the response from the Developer to the questions posed from the residents in the quarry area, wait for any resident objections, then discuss at a further BCC meeting.

ACTION Completed:

C Wood circulated the Quarry Meeting note from 14th January 2021.

C Wood sent the updated meeting minutes for posting on the notice boards and website.

- LDP (Potterton Development) G Middleton listened into a meeting on the LDP, he advised that the meeting may be viewed on Youtube, the relevant part for BCC is after 2 hours 10 mins and for Potterton 2hrs 15mins into the meeting.

11. Landfill Tax Projects Update

No applications until April 2021

12. Greenfield Projects Update

BCC to contemplate over any possible projects, discuss at next meeting

13. External Meeting Report Back

- LDP G Middleton (ref Item 10 para 20)
- Quarry Meeting (minutes circulated to BCC members)

14. Attendance Nomination For Future External Meetings

- Formartine Community Council Forum, Wednesday 3rd Feb 2021 07-08:30pm

ACTION Completed: C Wood, Skype link sent to all BCC members, D Wallace and A McIntyre will present for BCC.

- Balmedie Country Park, Wednesday 17th Feb 2021 7-8pm

ACTION: C Wood to send A McIntyre and J Fletcher the link to the Country Park Meeting

- Transport, Invitation to Annual Scottish Transport Conference 14th Jan 2021, circulated to all BCC members
Formartine Trustee Partnership 26th January 2021 H Foxen will attend as she is part of the group

15. New Correspondence & Communications

- 22nd Dec 2020 - Neil Burr and J Nicol emails regarding the Potterton burn overflowing issue.
- Training on Community Asset Transfer - circulated 6 Jan
Dates: Thursday 21st January 2021 from 10am to 12 noon & Thursday 28th January from 7pm to 9pm
- 8th Jan 2021 Andy Cowie small Church planning application notice to BCC
Pre-enquiry number given by Andy Cowie
- 8th Jan 2021 BCT update - AGM moving to March or later, Annual Report & Accounts due in January
- 11th Jan 2021 R Nicol state of the road near waterworks photos sent to Andrew Hassan by Rosie
- 13th Jan 2021 - Gavin Steel - Scottish Water Annual Consultative Meeting online and chance to ask questions - should BCC ask about damage to roads leading to water works due to their tankers?

ACTION: Carolyne to respond on behalf of BCC (see email)

- 13th Jan 2021 - PAS Training Aberdeenshire Community Councils on Monday 22 February 5.30pm-8.30pm

ACTION Completed: Circulated to BCC members 13th Jan 2021

- 18th Jan 2021 - web accessibility check

ACTION: Carolyne to follow this up

16. Any Other Business

- Gourdie Burn Issue Potterton (Neil Burr)

Gourdie Burn runs through the centre of Potterton out to the Tattie-shed, Potterton has an old-fashioned combined sewer and when it becomes full it empties into Gourdie Burn. The problem is the water is not flowing out of Gourdie Burn and is stagnating and this is next to the football pitch and kids play park, the residents biggest concern is children may venture into this contaminated boggy water of considerable depth., so potentially a big safety issue. N Burr has spoken to the council on many occasions about the solution. The flow of water

downhill to the new development at Gourdie Park is like a river, this in turn is cutting off the flow to Gourdie Burn and causing a back-up of water right the way up to the centre of Potterton. The solution would be to split the stream of flow between Blackdog and Gourdie Burn, some sort of division between the two of them, ideally N Burr would like some funding to do this.

Cllr Johnstone said the flooding team were supposed to have a look and see what water retention further up the hill from Gourdie Park could be put in place. Further down it would not be the AC responsibility, this is with SEPA to enforce upon the land owners. He added the issue is not a flooding problem but a contamination problem and that AC should be able to get samples tested, then forward to SEPA who should then not allow seepage into the burn.

Further discussion ensued and the conclusion is that everyone knows there are, issues, it is the solution that will be difficult, whether the issue is a flow or flooding problem, a sewage problem or safety problem whether BCC can fund it from the Landfill Tax or AC can resolve the problems has to be established. Cllr Johnstone and Cllr Hassan are prepared to go on site to see the problem first hand.

ACTION: Email to be sent from BCC to ask Cllrs Johnstone and Hassan to view the site. They could also help in providing civil engineering from AC if available.

ACTION: BCC to look and discuss the funding of the project through Landfill Tax if possible

- J Nicol confirmed Mr Campbell received his card and gift from BCC
- Village Tidy
- **ACTION:** J Fletcher to ask E Phipps to write the checks for Village Tidy persons and deliver
- H Foxen advised that she would progress the developer obligation money due to Potterton, it now transpires that the Potterton Group will pursue this themselves.

Meeting closed 21:00

DUE TO ONGOING CORONA VIRUS ISSUES

NB These January 2021 minutes were approved at the 15th February 2021 BCC Meeting, next BCC Meeting will be on Monday 15th March 2021 at 7:00pm using Teams Phone-in, Visitors welcome,

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